IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: ARAKAWA, Takeharu

Group Art Unit: 3661

Serial No.: 10/670,386

Examiner: Brian J. BROADHEAD

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FOI: INFORMATION ACQUISITION CONTROL UNIT, INFORMATION ACQUISITION CONTROL SYSTEM, INFORMATION ACQUISITION CONTROL METHOD, INFORMATION-ACQUISITION CONTROL PROGRAM, RECORDING MEDIUM WITH THE PROGRAM RECORDED THEREIN,

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 30, 2007

Sir

This is a Preliminary Amendment filed along the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) dated January 30, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.